

Senate Bill 234

By: Senator Harper of the 7th

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Atkinson County shall also serve as the  
2 chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Atkinson County on and after  
3 January 1, 2021; to provide for the continuation in office and expiration of term of the  
4 current chief magistrate judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
5 for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Pursuant to subsection (g) of Code Section 15-10-20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
9 Annotated, the chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Atkinson County shall not  
10 be separately elected for any term of office that begins on or after January 1, 2021, but on  
11 and after that date the judge of the Probate Court of Atkinson County shall serve as the chief  
12 magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Atkinson County. There shall be no election  
13 in 2020 or thereafter for the office of chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of  
14 Atkinson County. The term of office of the judge of the probate court serving as the chief  
15 magistrate judge shall be concurrent with the judge of the probate court's term of office.

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 The chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Atkinson County who was serving as  
18 such on January 1, 2019, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in such office shall  
19 continue to serve as such judge for a term of office which shall expire on  
20 December 31, 2020, and during such time period shall continue to receive the same salary  
21 such person was receiving for performing such duties.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.